

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



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Welcome Fáilte Merĥba Croeso Witajcie Swagatam Mabuhay
Benvenuto Bienvenu Bienvenido Benvindo Benvinguts Wilkommen

WEEK COMMENCING 17 MAY 2020

DIVINE OFFICE: week 2

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION : THURSDAY 21 MAY

Sebastiano Ricci's *Ascension*, in the Basilica Santi Apostoli, Rome



The Solemnity of the Ascension commemorates Jesus' return to heaven forty days after His Resurrection. Thus, it falls **40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter, on 31 May** this year. In some parts of the world, as was the case in this country, the feast is transferred to the Sunday after the traditional date. However, the Feast Day has been transferred back to the Thursday in England & Wales.

Evidence from John Chrysostom, Egeria, Gregory of Nyssa, and Church historian Socrates, suggest that Ascension Day probably originated in the 4th century AD. However, Augustine says the festival is apostolic. Often the feast was celebrated with a procession, symbolizing Christ's journey to the Mount of Olives. Until rather recently, the Paschal Candle (lighted at the Easter Vigil) was extinguished on Ascension Day. It is often celebrated as an Octave; the proper preface and Ascension collect being used until the Saturday before Pentecost.

The Ascension is an important Christian holiday that attests to the reality of Jesus Christ, God and man, returning to the Father, to return again in the future Second Coming. It is the final component of the Paschal Mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension proves Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. The Ascension is also the event, whereby humanity was taken into heaven, and the 'final blow' against Satan's power, and thus the lion (Jesus) conquering the dragon (Satan) is a symbol of the Ascension.

Early Christian iconography portrayed the Ascension frequently, showing its importance to the early Church. Indeed, the image remained little changed over the centuries. With the arrival of Baroque art, the view changed. The viewer became part of the event—part of the earthly sphere watching Christ from below as He disappears into the clouds.

The Catholic Catechism gives three important theological aspects of the Ascension:

- It marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).
- Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.
- Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

On this day, Jesus returns to the Father, but He promised that He will not leave us orphans, but will send another advocate to be with us forever: The Spirit of Truth.



One of the oldest surviving illustrations from the 6th century Syriac Rabbula Gospel

**THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED - MASSES ARE LIVE STREAM ONLY FROM ST PETER'S

SATURDAY VIGIL	16	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass Intentions
SUNDAY	17	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	see printed copy
Monday	18	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St John I</i>	
Tuesday	19	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Dunstan</i>	
Wednesday	20	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i>	
Wednes: Holy Day Vigil		7pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	
Thursday: Holy Day	21	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	
Friday	22	11am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) (Note change of time) St Rita of Cassia	
Saturday	23	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>
MASS BY TELEPHONE Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (Remains available after)
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) It is not currently possible to receive this Sacrament. Make a personal Confession, Perfect Act of Contrition and attend the Sacrament as soon as it becomes possible.
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.15am to 12.15pm Monday to Friday (Live Stream).
HOLY ROSARY 2pm Monday to Friday (Live Stream)
POPE'S MAY PRAYER INTENTION: *that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.*

MASSES RECEIVED FROM see printed copy

† **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maureen Swales (The Lodge Care Home), Peter Hetzel, Harold Harrison, Doreen Hayes, Jane Hollywood † **ANNIVERSARIES:** Lucy Alonzi, Danielle Harrison, Lina Ford, Gemma Jaconelli, Eamonn O'Brien
NEWSLETTER is available outside all our churches in a waterproof box - **take a copy to those who are isolated (take care - wear gloves, post through letterbox).** **MAILING LIST:** email us to receive by email (note, we are not able to post copies).
NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES Hopefully all Gift Aid donors have received their envelopes. If you've not received yours and are eligible, please contact the Parish Office. Consider Standing Order giving as an alternative.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Begin on **Fri 22 May** in preparation for **Pentecost on Sun 31 May.** Go to www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit or www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/prayers/view.cfm?id=1039
 If you haven't got your own copy of a Novena and haven't got online access, say the following:
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY Create a grotto in your home or garden. Send in your photos by email or post on our Facebook Page. Pray the Rosary or a decade during May. Rosary is live streamed weekly **2pm Monday to Friday.** Prayer Cards of Our Lady of all Nations are freely available with newsletter in waterproof boxes outside each church.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Baptisms are postponed indefinitely.

DIOCESAN LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE The diocese invites you to join them on a 16-day Walk of Hope, ahead of their **virtual pilgrimage on Friday 22 May.** www.middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/lourdes/index.php/2020/05/04/join-us-on-our-lourdes-walk-of-hope/ **Scarborough Parishes** joins the Diocese at St Peter's Grotto, where a candle will be lit each day for Our Lady, to light our way and lead us safely on - **open daily 9.30am to 8pm,** should you wish to sit a while with Mary.

SUNDAY SMILE: *"So there you are, son" said the father, "I've told you now the story of your dad and the war". "There's just one thing bothering me, dad" said the son. "What did they need all the other soldiers for?"*

'HOME RETREATS' FROM AMPLEFORTH ABBEY

Starting last **Saturday 9 May**, the monastic community is offering a series of simple Home Retreats. Each consists of a **10-15-minute reflection**, given at **11am each Saturday morning** by various members of the monastic community. The emphasis is on how monastic values can help us engage more fruitfully with the challenges and opportunities of life. Each session concludes with suggestions for further reflection, and you are invited to join them at **8:15pm to pray Compline.** Go to <https://www.ampleforth.org.uk/abbey/news> (includes text containing the reflections and suggestions)
 Watch later on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZLhmufPHEJWsXgVaM-kfQw/featured>
Saturday 9th May 'Listen and Live' with Fr Kevin Hayden OSB "Listen" is the very first word of the Rule of St Benedict. This retreat will focus on some ways in which listening to our lives can help unlock the riches already there!